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▶▶ Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP)

editors perspective

The Volunteer Involvement Program (VIP) identifies, trains, and equips TWR Alumni to be engaged in missions activity in their local communities. Each TWR Alumni who is accepting the challenge to be involved in the VIP is a work in progress. This issue of The Connection is a focus on the VIP.

Recently, I was once again challenged and inspired to focus on Caleb, one of Scripture's most encouraging and stimulating Old Testament characters. Read again Caleb's words found in Joshua 14:10-12. *"I am today, eighty five years old! I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as then. Now give me this hill country (mountain) that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as He said."* (NIV)

Can you imagine a man at 85 years of age still eager to conquer one more mountain? There is not a word of retirement, or leisure, or coasting, nor is there a hint of "letting the younger generation do it." Read again the accounts about the lives of Ruth, Naomi, Esther, Daniel, or Jeremiah, and the Apostle Paul, and you will see men and women who never stopped investing their lives in service to their God and others. You may retire from a "job" or "position," but never from being an obedient Christian. Caleb and the others are scripture's examples of VIPs in action. I am confident that the TWR Alumni team can be missionary "mountain claimers," demonstrating that "give me this mountain" attitude. Without beating around the bush, I am confident that many of you still have this passion in your heart; you just need to be given an opportunity to demonstrate that you are a part of the TWR Alumni Volunteer Involvement Program.

One of the functions of the director is to provide training, tools, and materials so that TWR Alumni can carry out unique opportunities to rep-

resent the work and ministry of TWR and to keep missions vibrant in local areas. Here are some VIP possibilities for your consideration. You may choose to show a TWR video to a church or small group, others may aspire to represent TWR at a missions event or conference, others may select to do a Power Point and/or speaking presentation in a church or small group, and yet others may opt to invite 6 or 8 couples into their home for a TWR coffee/dessert presentation. The sky is the limit as to new and creative ideas that may develop. The goals may include the opportunity to present TWR projects, or TWR personnel needs, or identify and engage prayer partners, and/or identify and engage support "share holders," or identify and engage individuals to receive the TWR magazine, etc. The sky is the limit! My challenge to each one is to ask yourselves the Caleb question: what mountain do you want to claim?

Like Caleb of old, we too can identify which mountain we want, and then claim it as our own with faith action steps.

Dennis Ford
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Lois and I deeply regret missing the TWR Alumni reunion held in Cary this past October. It was during this same time that we were involved in meetings and travel with Dr. Sam Gordon, TWR Bible teacher, author, and broadcaster from the United

Kingdom. This series of meetings was planned back in 2001.

The schedule was heavy. In the twenty-seven days we were together, Dr. Sam Gordon preached twenty-five times. These services were held in churches, on college campuses, and at lakeside campgrounds. Results of these meetings will be eternal; from our neighbor who found Christ and one month later was received by his new-found Savior into Glory, to teary-eyed college students who gave themselves for missionary service, and men of all ages who, on a lakeside dock found common ground in prayer and praise. And everywhere and in every meeting those blessed by Sam's Spirit-

filled, biblical ministry purchased his books. They sold by the boxes.

And as God blessed, Satan was also busy trying to hinder us. While at Toccoa Falls College in northeastern Georgia, we found it necessary to run over into South Carolina to visit Sam's publisher and refresh our book supply. Shortly after leaving Greenville, we had a major car breakdown and found ourselves helpless on the side of the highway. The van had to remain in the garage there for repairs for ten days as we continued our travel with the use of borrowed and rental cars. Even in this, God was victorious. We never missed a meeting.

You may find Dr. Sam Gordon's books in nearly any Christian bookstore and at stores such as Barnes and Noble. Also, his messages can be heard on TWR's website at www.twr.org. He will again be returning to the United States for meetings in 2004 and 2005.

Sam Gordon



VIP News & Events





▶▶ Because You Asked

Interview with Chuck and Barb Roswell, Joan Britton, Interviewer

Joan: Welcome-- Chuck and Barb Roswell, 2002 retirees from 36 years of overseas service with TWR. Please give us a peek into your early backgrounds.

Chuck: The short answer is born in Mobile, AL, and grew up in West Long Branch, NJ. I was saved in 1960 when a work colleague invited me to a Youth Challenge Rally.

Barb: I was born and reared in Central, NJ, by my grandmother as my parents separated when I was 2 and my mother died when I was 9. I first heard and accepted the Gospel at a Billy Graham meeting in New York City. I became active in Salvation Army and met Chuck while I was serving coffee at a fire. A year later we were married in Basel, Switzerland, and lived in Frankfurt, Germany, for 15 months.

J: Tell something about your military experience.

Chuck: I served 3 years active duty in the US Army, 26 months in Frankfurt, Germany. It was here I realized that everyone who has not heard the Gospel message is a mission field.

J: After this awareness, when did you sense God's leading to be missionaries?

Barb: I'd given my life to the Lord for full time service when I was saved, but after marrying Chuck, I thought I'd never get to the field because he didn't preach or sing!

Joan: What about that, Chuck?

Chuck: After hearing Dr. Paul Freed and Jack Stoner, a missionary mechanic, share about TWR, we realized I didn't need to preach or sing. We applied to TWR, were accepted in Jan. 1966 and arrived on Bonaire on Nov. 1, 1966.

J: For the ladies, Barb, share some of your involvements.

Barb: I was best known on Bonaire for working with sick animals. I also helped in the finance department, Spanish and English mail, switchboard, with hospitality, and child care at home.

Chuck: My responsibilities included transmitter operation, maintenance, safety, EMI (interference), frequency coordination, and production of "Bonaire Wavelengths."

J: Your sons John and Mark were born and reared on Bonaire. Where are they today?

Chuck: John is a staff sergeant in the US Air Force. Dec. 29, 2003, he was married to Jennifer, a school teacher. Mark and Annette are on Bonaire where he has his own business (Can Do, NV). Annette has a home bakery making custom desserts for local restaurants.

J: In mid-1993 you arrived in Monaco in 1994, a stepping stone to Vienna in 1996. How did you cope with these changes?

Chuck: We began studying French, but shortly before departure to Monaco, we learned the Frequency Coordination Department would move to Vienna where German is spoken. Our time in Monaco was busy and a few months became 20. In Austria we learned some German, but most of the international coordination of frequencies is handled in English.

J: Dec. 31, 2002, you officially retired from TWR. But you didn't retire from missions or ministry. Where did God lead you?

Chuck: We're serving as "associate missionary volunteers" with Source of Light Ministries Int. I help with audiovisual aids and photography for public relations.

Barb: In the mornings I'm the switchboard operator and proofread prayer letters and articles. I've found ministry opportunities wherever God has led us and Madison, GA, is no exception.

J: What new challenges are you facing as retirees?

Both: It's taking time to get used to living in the States after 36 years overseas.

J: What recommendations do you have for those facing retirement or wanting to serve?

Both: Many mission agencies can use your volunteer services and skills. Let your availability be known.

J: Thanks, Chuck and Barb, what are your favorite verses?

Barb: Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your path straight."

Chuck: Mark 13:10: "And the gospel must first be preached to all nations."

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VIP Angel Action

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“A kind and lovable person, one who manifests goodness, purity, and selflessness” is one dictionary definition of an angel. Project Hannah, a

ministry of Trans World Radio, has its very own angel at their Cary office—Audrey Payne.

Though the dictionary can define Audrey, it cannot explain why she is such an angel. How can someone be so sweet, positive, energetic, eager, and willing? Audrey is small in stature but has an enormous heart for Project Hannah's ministry and for TWR.

Audrey learned of TWR when she and her family lived across the street from founder Dr. Paul Freed. Her family learned more about TWR while attending Long Hill Chapel when TWR's headquarters was located in New Jersey. Audrey's husband, Ralph, retired from a career in advertising and they moved to Cary, North Carolina, the new home of TWR headquarters. Ralph became a member of TWR's board of directors and Audrey began offering her time, energy, enthusiasm, and care to the board wives, TWR staff, and especially to Project Hannah.

A ministry of TWR, Project Hannah offers compassion and hope to suffering women worldwide through prayer ministry, radio programming, and creating awareness of the severity of the plight of women around the world. Audrey is the embodiment of compassion in action to those around her. No task is too big or too small for her to undertake. Whenever TWR needs envelopes stuffed or banquet tables set, Audrey gathers her small group of volunteers to get the job done. Each month Audrey bakes desserts for

Project Hannah's prayer luncheon, decorates the tables, provides welcome packets and gifts, and then makes sure everything is spotlessly clean and tucked away for next month's luncheon.

Audrey's radio antennae always seem to be listening for the task that must be done or the need still unmet. She runs all over town getting information and supplies. She writes personal thank-you notes to every first-time PH donors. The list of her efforts is as endless as her vitality and vigor.

With Audrey, it is more than just doing the work; it is also about being God's servant—our angel of mercy and love. She obviously cares about the individuals she meets along the way. She takes time to ask questions about family members, personal joys and sorrows and she prays for them all.

It is a joy to know Audrey and to share in her exciting times like preparing for the wedding of her daughter, Ellen, to Perry. It is a privilege to pray with her for her grandchildren (CJ and Drew) and her son and daughter-in-law (Charles and Kaye). Meeting her identical twin sister, Andrea, when she came to celebrate their birthday together in December brought shouts of joy, “Two of them!”

God has truly blessed us with our friend and angel, Audrey. (Editor's note: This is Audrey's VIP in action. WOW!)



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